Coco Cola proposal

1082. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coco Cola proposal is not a hightech capital intensive proposal; and

(b) what will be the technology involved in the manufacturing process of the coca Cola at the Noida Export Processing Zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The Coca Cola proposal involves in investment of Rs. 3.5 crores. The technology status of a project is a relative consideration that may depend on aspects such as the technology of manufacture, product specifications, rating and demand in the international market, research and development inputs, product and use and priority etc. In the case of Coca Cola proposal, specific details of the proposed technical operations have not been indicated by the Company.

Setting up of a Technology Mission to tackle the perennial problem of floods in North Bihar

1083. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had on 17th May, 1989 during his visit to Bihar announced the setting up of a Technology Mission to tackle the perennial problem of floods in North Bihar;

(b) if so, what is the constitution and terms of reference of the Technology Mission; and

(c) by what time the Mission is expected to evolve a plan and strategy to control the problems of floods in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) A proposal for a technology mission on the Flood problem of North Bihar was mooted. The views of the Government of Bihar have been sought in the matter.

(c) Does not arise.

Formulation of Environmental management and Rehabilitation Master Plans for the persons displaced due to the construction of the Narmada Sagar Project

1084. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 819 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Sub-Committee on environment and rehabilitation set up by the Narmada Control Authority have since formulated any Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Master Plans;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what safeguards have been provided in the proposed Master Plans to meet the demands of the agitators?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The Sub Committees on Environment and Rehabilitation set up by Narmada Control Authority have held a series of meetings to ensure that Environmental Management Plans and prepared covering the following aspects:

—Rehabilitation Master Plan;

—Phased Catchment Area Treatment Plan;

—Compensatory Afforestation Plan;

—Command Area Development Plan;

—Survey of Flora and Fauna along with the determination of the carrying capacity of the surronding area;

—Reservoir induced seismicity;

—Health aspects with emphasis on water-borne diseases.

The project authorities have identified agencies to carry out some of the studies/surveys. A section plans are, however, still not ready.

Shortage of Tax Return Forms

1085. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to shortage of tax return forms, the general public has been put to avoidable sufferings;

(b) whether it is a fact that Central Board of Direct Taxes has belatedly permitted filing in old forms to be replaced by the new ones later; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure that honest taxpayers are not put to such difficulties in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Government is aware that some inconvenience might have been caused to some taxpayers at some places on account of a temporary shortage of the newly prescribed return forms.

(b) The Central Board of Direct Taxes has not issued any Press Note or circular so far permitting the filing of returns of income in the old forms.

(c) Immediate action was taken by the concerned income-tax authorities for prompt supply of the return forms to the places where such shortage was noticed.

Central Assistance for the Construction of Indira Gandhi Canal Project

1086. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work on Indira Gandhi Canal project has been affected for want of financial resources;

(b) whether any representation has been received from Rajasthan Government in this respect;

(c) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what are the details of fund allocation during the last three years for this project and the provision made for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The construction work on Indira Gandhi Canal in Rajasthan has been well ahead of the colonisation and command area development activities. The actual outlays provided for 1988-89 and 1989-90 were Rs. 115 crores and Rs. 112.70 crores respectively; while the allocation of funds during 1986-87 and 1987-88 were Rs. 43.83 crores and Rs. 76.13 crores respectively. In response to the repres-cevied from time to time a Central Assistance of Rs. 123 crores has been provided upto March, 1989 and Rs. 44.70 crores has been earmarked for 1989-90.